

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2001-399

November 8, 2001

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Standard Offer Bidding Process

ORDER APPROVING  
MODIFICATIONS TO STANDARD  
OFFER STANDARD FORM  
CONTRACT

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WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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## **I. SUMMARY**

Through this Order, we approve modifications to the standard offer standard form contract, including changes to the Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and Bangor Hydro-Electric Company (BHE) uncollectible percentages.

## **II. BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

During the recently concluded residential/small non-residential standard offer bid process, several modifications from the standard form contract were agreed to by the utilities and the selected standard offer provider. Some of these modifications were intended to preserve the contractual relationship by requiring the parties to submit disputes to arbitration before a contract termination could occur. Because this approach to dispute resolution in the context of standard offer service is generally in the public interest, we modify the standard form contract to include these dispute resolution mechanisms.

Additionally, we make some minor clarifying changes and remove a provision that is no longer necessary (year 2000 readiness).

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:      Welch  
   Nugent  
   Diamond

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